

Jail Population Management Subcommittee
of the
Sanford “Sandy” Krasnoff Criminal Justice Council

MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, August 23, 2016

2:00pm – 3:00pm

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| I. | Opening Remarks | Charles West |
| II. | Safety & Justice Challenge Activities | Sarah Schirmer |
| III. | Vote to Merge Jail Work | Charles West |
| IV. | Current Jail Population Trends | Sarah Schirmer |
| V. | Strategic Plan Initiative Updates | Sarah Schirmer |
| | a. Status of action items | |
| | b. Progress and challenges | |
| VI. | Feedback and solutions from Subcommittee Members | All |

Criminal Justice Council Jail Population Management Subcommittee

Minutes

August 23, 2016

On August 23rd, the Jail Population Management Subcommittee of the Criminal Justice Council convened at 2:10 pm in the 9th floor Homeland Security Conference Room in City Hall. The following persons were present/absent:

Jail Population Management Subcommittee Members

Present:

OCJC Director Charles West – Subcommittee
Chair
Judge Desiree Charbonnet
Chief Defender Derwyn Bunton
City Attorney Rebecca Dietz
Judge Camille Buras
Judge Bobby Jones
Tyler Gibson (attending on behalf of
Councilmember Susan Guidry)
Deputy Chief Paul Noel (attending on behalf of
Superintendent Michael Harrison)

Absent:

Deputy Mayor Jeff Hebert
District Administrator Steve Lassalle
Judge Laurie White
Judge Candice Bates-Anderson
Judge Harry Cantrell
District Attorney Leon Cannizzaro
Sheriff Marlin Gusman

Office of Criminal Justice Coordination Staff

Present:

Sarah Schirmer
Melody Chang
Temitope Petrus-Nihi

I. Opening Remarks

Charles West called the meeting to order at 2:16 p.m. in the Homeland Security Conference Room on the 8th floor of City Hall.

Mr. West welcomed everyone to the meeting. After the departure of Deputy Mayor Andy Kopplin, Deputy Mayor Jeff Hebert joined the Subcommittee. Charles West will serve as Chair of the Subcommittee moving forward.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide an update on both the MacArthur Foundation Safety & Justice Challenge activities and the Jail Population Management Strategic.

II. Safety & Justice Challenge Activities

Since June, the Safety & Justice Challenge stakeholder group and community stakeholder group decided on seven strategies that will move forward with implementation funding received from the MacArthur Foundation.

Sarah Schirmer described the overlap between Safety & Justice Challenge strategies and Jail Population Management Strategic Plan initiatives. Both plans strive for similar outcomes.

There was discussion among the Subcommittee to merge the two plans for the purposes of streamlining performance management, activities, and meetings. Funding from the MacArthur Foundation will not be used to fund the Jail Population Management Strategic Plan developed by the Subcommittee.

III. Vote to Merge Jail Work

Deputy Chief Paul Noel motioned to merge the two jail population plans; Judge Charbonnet seconded.

There was discussion among the public attendees about front-end programming to address biases before someone is arrested. There was also discussion about mental health in jail, funding to support continued community engagement, racial and ethnic disparities, and supporting pre-existing community programs. The community stakeholder group is open for new members to participate.

The Subcommittee voted to merge the two plans. All in favor – no nays – no abstentions.

IV. Current Jail Population Trends

Ms. Schirmer discussed the jail population. In the second quarter, there were fewer felony and municipal pretrial defendants and fewer people serving municipal sentences in the jail.

V. Strategic Plan Initiative Updates

a. Status of action items

Ms. Schirmer reviewed the action items generated from the previous Subcommittee meeting. All but one action item was completed. The outstanding action item will be reviewed at the next Subcommittee meeting.

b. Progress and challenges

Ms. Schirmer presented on the progress of initiatives in the Jail Population Management Strategic Plan.

VI. Feedback and solutions from Subcommittee Members

There was brief discussion among the Subcommittee members and the public on individual initiatives

- Reduce Arrests for Out of Parish Warrants: NOPD will review arrests for Jefferson Parish warrants. Defendants are delayed in being released by Criminal District Court because of outstanding out of parish warrants.
- Expedited Arrest to Arraignment for Victimless Crimes: Supervisors are delayed in approving police reports before the tour of duty ends because the reports sometimes require corrections from officers and the NOPD prioritizes night time calls for service.
- Pre-trial Decision Making Framework: New Orleans will be adopting a new risk assessment tool called the Public Safety Assessment (PSA) which was produced by the Arnold Foundation. There will be public forum presentations of the instrument. The Arnold Foundation will provide technical assistance but no funding for implementation.
- Decrease the Impact of Detainers on Probationers: Judge Buras encourages criminal justice agencies to work together and find areas of opportunity for lifting detainers when appropriate. Parole detainers contribute to detention; the revocation process is prescribed by LA statute.

The next meeting of the Jail Population Management Subcommittee will be November 18th. The meeting concluded at 3:16 p.m.